

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Mr. Laurance Stevens

June 29, 1937 - June 1, 2024

Service Information

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024 • 10:00 AM

Ross-Roden Funeral Services, LLC

725 East Gun Hill Road - Bronx, New York 10467

Officiating Brother Guy Loving

Butler Memorial United Methodist Church Certified Lay Servant

Order of Service

Welcome	Raina Stevens
Prelude	
Greeting and Grace	
Musical Selection	
Scripture Reading	Ecclesiastes Chapter 3-1:14 Lauren Stevens
Poem.....	Linda Reese
Obituary	Lauri Crosley
Scripture Reading	Raina Stevens
Scripture Reading	Leilah Reese
Family Tribute and Reflections	Two Minutes
Musical Selection	
Words of Comfort	
The Commendation	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	
The Lord's Prayer	
Final Remarks and Instructions	Funeral Director
Music	Willy Phipps

Obituary



Laurance "Larry" Stevens was born on June 29, 1937, to Ethelina Otana Petersen Stevens and Diego Stevens. Raised in the vibrant neighborhoods of Harlem and the Bronx in New York City, Larry's formative years were enriched by the diverse cultural tapestry of the city. He graduated from Haaren High School, where his love for sports blossomed, becoming a die-hard fan of the New York Knicks.

In 1959, Larry married his childhood sweetheart, Marjorie Ann Barnes. Their loving union lasted nearly forty years and was blessed with four children: Sandra, Susan, Laurance John, and David.

Larry Stevens was a man of many talents. A skilled craftsman, he was adept in plumbing, radiators, refrigerators, and construction, with a particular knack for building decks and various structures. His artistic abilities were equally impressive; he painted murals, portraits, and created intricate sketches, he was also ambidexterous. Larry's appreciation for the arts extended to his love of classical music, doo-wop, and jazz, and he was known to be an excellent dancer.

Over the course of his professional life, Larry worked in various fields. He contributed his skills to the Church of the Ascension as a sexton, served as a plumber at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and later joined the New York City Water Department, a branch of the EPA.

In his retirement, Larry remained an active member of his Co-op City community. His dedication to the retirees of Dreiser Loop earned him the Man of the Year award in 2013. He cherished his social connections, especially with his card-playing group, The Pacesetters and Friends.

Larry's later years were marked by his deep devotion to his family, particularly his daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters. He found joy in spending quality time with them, creating lasting memories.

On June 1, 2024, Larry transitioned peacefully at home in his favorite chair, watching his favorite station, MSNBC. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Marjorie and his beloved son Laurance John. He leaves behind his daughters, Sandra and Susan (both of Manhattan, New York), his son David (Queens New York), his sister Betty, granddaughters Shelley, Lauren, and Raina, and great-granddaughters Jordan, Madison, and Mariah. Larry is also survived by his nieces Tracy, Denise, and Lauri, along with a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Larry Stevens' legacy of love, craftsmanship, and community service will be cherished and remembered by all who knew him.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Mr. Laurance Stevens** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*

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